

HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD
MAY 24, 2004

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Board met on Monday May 24, 2004 in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana.

President Holt called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present of Christine Altman, Steven C. Dillinger, Steven A. Holt, and Jim Belden. John Ditslear, Dan Henke and Charlie White were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Steve Dillinger motioned to approve the March 22, 2004 minutes. Jim Belden seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Appointments:

Steve H. stated he has received several responses to his letter requesting appointments to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Steve H. asked that the Committee appointments from the Solid Waste Board be held until the next meeting and that Fred Swift research his files for possible appointments from people who have volunteered for community service.

Household Hazardous Waste Center Update

Steve Wood stated the Household Hazardous Waste Center is still growing. They have shipped 57.04 tons to date, which is 4 tons over last year.

Tire Disposal:

Steve W. stated he has investigated tire collection and disposal. He has been working with Rich Hubbard of White River Clean-up, Lakeland General and Bridgestone Firestone to work out an agreement that we would be able to dispose of tires at no fee. When we have 600 tires on hand, a trailer would be dropped off, county prisoners (this has been approved by the Sheriff) would come load the trailer and Lakeland General would dispose of the tires. The only county costs would be the storage and man-hours, which would be the prisoners. Steve W. stated he has spoken with IDEM and we can store 600 tires without a permit. He has copies of the shippers and haulers approvals for DOT, which is required by state law. Steve H. asked where would they be stored? Steve W. proposed using the barn, where he is currently storing the shipping barrels. There are sandbags in this barn which would have to be moved to the another barn. Christine Altman asked if we need to relocate items on that site for the Humane Society or whatever, what would the alternate storage be? Steve W. stated it would have to be inside storage for mosquito control, health risks and you can only store so many tires outside by state law. Steve H. asked if the salt storage building is large enough? Steve W. stated it would be large enough but it would have to be totally enclosed and the Surveyor's office is using it now. Also, everytime we would have to check in tires we would have to take the person back to the building. Steve W. stated he will have all the paperwork for approval and signatures at the next meeting.

Fencing:

Steve W. stated he has received an estimate for installing a fence to keep the trash from blowing all over the 4-H Grounds, the estimate is \$4,151.79. If there were any thoughts of tearing down the barns, he would recommend not building the fence. Steve H. asked if there is a maintenance person on duty on the weekends at the 4-H Grounds? Steve W. stated yes. Steve H. asked if they are the recipients of the trash that is blowing, would there be any sense in asking them to make a pass thru if they see a mess? Steve W. stated they do, but sometimes it is overwhelming, there is more than one person can handle. Steve H. asked if we could go to the dumpsters with the sliding doors and a top to them? Steve W. stated they started with those dumpsters but the public can't get the big pieces of cardboard in there and they will just leave the cardboard on the ground. The City of Noblesville pays for the dumpsters and they do come down and clean it up. Jim asked if we could add another dumpster? Barry McNulty stated the City has standing orders for the second shift to come check the dumpsters and clean up the area. Steve H. stated it would make sense to not go any farther on the fence until you hear from the Commissioners regarding the barns. Christine asked what would the cost of another dumpster be? Steve W. stated the City of Noblesville pays for it. Christine suggested the Solid Waste Board pay for an additional dumpster until we decide what we are doing. Steve H. motioned to request that Mr. Wood contact Noblesville for an additional dumpster for cardboard. Jim seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Barry stated they use the pole barns for storage of

shipping supplies because Steve W. orders the supplies in bulk for a cost saving of \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year.

Steve W. presented information on Carmel's shipment and material costs. Carmel has two full-time employees and seven employees from the wastewater utility when needed. It costs Hamilton County \$614.28 per ton, Carmel spends \$920.34 per ton. It would cost us \$37,532.51 to ship Carmel's materials verses their \$56,233.03. Jim asked if we have paid Carmel anything for 2003? Christine stated we have not paid anything. We have agreed to reimbursement at our rates. Steve W. stated they take a lot of items from Carmel, batteries and propane tanks, which has dropped their volume. Steve W. stated if we are going to pay back Carmel, he would suggest \$37,532.51. Christine motioned to do that and include it in the budget. Jim seconded. Steve H. asked for what year would the reimbursement be made? Christine stated for the 2004 budget year. Steve H. asked when do we get our first disbursement? Christine stated at Settlement in June. We could pay half in July and half in December. Steve W. stated he is concerned there will not be enough money in the budget. Christine stated the Health Department budget is fixed but the Solid Waste budget is separate. Our tax rate is scheduled to bring in approximately \$490,000. In terms of cash flow we would want to match it when the tax dollars came in. Steve H. asked what did we budget to pay back Carmel this year? Barry stated the payback to Carmel was included in the budget for the tax hearing. Christine stated we also budgeted in a reimbursement to the County for monies previously advanced. Ms. Mills stated those paybacks were cut from the budget. There was \$170,000 to the County and \$120,000 for the municipality reimbursement. Christine stated that was cut at the local tax control board, but we adopted the full 2004 budget. We have never figured out from the levy what we have in grant funds and what we have to spend. Ms. Mills stated the budget adopted was \$493,000. The Health Department contract is \$400,000 so we would have \$93,000 that we could use for reimbursement. Christine stated we also received \$60,000 in grants. Barry stated the grant money is deposited in to the Solid Waste checking account and we are trying to balance it in with the \$400,000 we are spending. The grants do come with guidelines. We get \$45,000 up front and \$15,000 upon the grant closing. Christine stated as tight as it is, we should look at reimbursing the county for monies advanced. Barry stated looking at the expenses and our growth, we should allow for the growth. We should be within the \$400,000 without a problem this year, but if we get to the point that we are reimbursing Carmel so much money that it may not allow for us to grow to cover our costs. Steve H. asked if there would be merit to see where we would have to be in terms of tonnage to turn people away? Barry stated our biggest costs would be the contractual services. Steve H. stated in accepting the note of caution, would it make sense to put pencil to it and see when you are in tilt? Christine stated we can not project that, we go on a year to year basis and see how we do. To the extent we can repay Carmel for their costs, we do it and to the extent we have excess cash, we get serious about paying back the county, which was advanced out of COIT. This is what was discussed when we set up the tax rate or agreed to set up the tax rate. We did not promise repayment to the county, but we need to look at it. Barry stated we could get an estimate using our current growth rate and costs. Christine reminded Barry that we did not get COIT this year, but next year we will have COIT. Steve H. asked if the motion includes as settlement comes in and we are able? Christine stated yes, it is included in her motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims:

Robin requested approval of a claim payable to the Indiana Department of Revenue in the amount of \$25.00. Jim motioned to approve. Christine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting. Christine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Present:

Christine Altman
Jim Belden
Steven C. Dillinger
Steven A. Holt
Robin M. Mills
Mike Howard
Kim Rauch
Barry McNulty
Steve Wood